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SUBJ: THE QUITO MFM IN BAHAMIAN PERSPECTIVE

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1. AT DECEMBER 2 MEETING, AMBASSADOR RAISED POINTS FURNISHED REF B ON US VIEWS OF QUITO MFM AND ITS AFTERMATH. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT EMBASSY HAD FORWARDED LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ADDERLEY NOVEMBER 26. ADDERLEY CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF LETTER AND INDICATED HE WOULD REPLY.

2. ADDERLEY PROFESSED LACK OF SURPRISE AT QUITO VOTE ON LIFTING CUBAN SANCTIONS. HE SAID BRAZILIAN FONMIN HAD PREDICTED TO HIM AT MFM LAST APRIL IN WASHINGTON THAT VOTE WOULD COME OUT ALMOST EXACTLY AS IT DID. ADDERLEY SAID HE HAD MET COSTA RICAN FONMIN IN NEW YORK SHORTLY BEFORE QUITO MFM AND THAT FACIO HAD TOLD HIM HE "HAD EIGHTEEN PROMISES" TO VOTE FOR LIFTING OF SANCTIONS. ADDERLEY INDICATED HE HAD BEEN SCEPTICAL THEN TO THE POINT OF TELLING FACIO THAT IF HE WERE PERMITTED TO BET HE WOULD WAGER FACIO WAS WRONG IN HIS ASSESSMENT.

3. ON US STANCE AT QUITO, ADDERLEY SAID HE THOUGHT US ABSTENTION WAS "ENTIRELY JUSTIFIABLE". HE AGREED WITH AMB CONTENTION THAT AS THE MAJOR POWER IT WAS REASONABLE, AS A MATTER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOGIC, FOR U.S. TO ADOPT THE POSITION OF PERMITTING OTHER

STATES TO SEE IF THEY COULD FORM A CONSENSUS WITHOUT US LOBBYING PRO OR CON. ADDERLEY SUGGESTED THAT WHILE HE HAD PRIVATE DOUBTS THAT US STAND WAS QUITE AS PRISTINE AS PORTRAYED, HE INDICATED THAT AS A LAWYER HE WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE MAKING A RESPECTABLE PUBLIC CASE FOR US ABSTENTION. HE SAID SAME WAS PROBABLY TRUE FOR BRAZIL, IN VIEW OF ITS INCREASED TRADE INTERESTS THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE. ADDERLEY INDICATED SOME CYNICISM, HOWEVER, CONCERNING SINCERITY OF STANDS TAKEN BY NATIONS LIKE HAITI AND GUATEMALA WHO HAD NO SUCH INTERESTS AT STAKE REQUIRING AN ABSTENTION.

4. WHEN AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HEMISPHERE COULD GO ON TO DEAL WITH PRACTICAL, SHORT-TERM PROBLEMS, ADDERLEY DID NOT COMMENT DIRECTLY BUT PREDICTED THAT CUBA ISSUE WOULD REMAIN PRINCIPAL MATTER BEFORE OAS UNTIL IT IS "RESOLVED".
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